

We are authorized to announce Captain O. W. CRUICK as a candidate for County Superintendent of Free Schools of Lewis county.

Election August 18, 1875.

We are authorized to announce MAJOR T. SMITH, of Big Skin Creek, as a candidate for Superintendent of Free Schools of Lewis county.

We are authorized to announce WM. L. WHITE, Esq., as a candidate for Superintendent of Free Schools of Lewis county, subject to the decision of the voters, at the 31st day of August, 1875.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

In accordance with the provisions of the act "removing the seat of government temporarily to Wheeling," the Governor and other State officers are now in that city, prepared to administer the government of the State, as soon as they are allowed to do so.

It will be recollected that certain parties in Charleston induced a Magistrate Judge to grant an injunction restraining the removal of the archives and other State property. The Governor, however, as Chief Executive officer of the State, declared his intention to disregard the process, and made all preparations to remove the property. John L. Cole, State Librarian, filed an answer to the injunction at the late term of the Circuit Court of Kanawha county; and after due consideration, Judge Smith dissolved the injunction, and declared the removal not entirely constitutional. In reply to the Charleston lawyers, he also decided that there were no grounds for an appeal, and refused to grant one when solicited to do so. This occurred on the day previous to the one fixed by law for the removal of the capital.

The Charleston lawyers, seeing the last prop knocked away, "took a new tack," and after bringing a greater pressure to bear upon Judge Smith than was probably ever brought upon any Judge in this State before, induced him to issue an order suspending the operation of the law for nine days, in order (as they said) to give them time to prepare the necessary papers and apply for an appeal to one of the Judges of the Court of Appeals. This Judge Smith consented to do; and thus brought on a conflict of authority between the various departments of government. While acknowledging the constitutionality of the law, and denying an appeal, for lack of sufficient reasons, he "kicked the fat in the fire" by issuing a process which he knew was erroneous, and which he was satisfied would bring about anarchy and confusion in the State.

The Governor proceeded to remove the State property from the Capitol to the steamboat, whereupon Judge Smith arrested the parties engaged in removing the boxes, and intimated to the Governor that a like fate would await him in case he persisted. Some spicy correspondence then passed between the two functionaries—the Governor protesting in the name of the people against this unwarrantable interference; and the Judge insisting upon all the world, and especially the Governor, respecting and obeying the decrees of his Court. Finally, discovering that Judge Smith would enforce his absurd process by the aid of a "posse," the Governor turned over to the custody of the Judge (having first taken an inventory thereof) the State property, and assured him that inasmuch as he had forcibly prevented its removal, he and all concerned would be held strictly responsible for its safe keeping, and for obstructing the law. Of course the Executive, as such, could have called out the militia and enforced the law; and he would have been justified in so doing; but rather than bring about bloodshed, the Governor entered the protest of the people, and turned over the property as above stated. The various State officers then embarked on the steamboat, and proceeded to Wheeling, where they now are. Subsequently, Judge Moore, of the Court of Appeals, granted an appeal from the decision of Judge Smith dissolving the injunction; and as the Court of Appeals convenes in Wheeling on the 31st of June, the case will probably be finally disposed of at once. In the meantime, we have two Capitols—the one in the archives, and the other in contemplation of a law decided to be constitutional by a Charleston Judge, and the State officers. But the Charleston Capital is "busted" for want of the constitutional officers; while nothing can be done at Wheeling for want of the books and papers pertaining to the various offices.

This disgraceful state of affairs has been telegraphed all over the country; and once again West Virginia is made the "butt" and laughing-stock of the whole country. The responsibility, however, should be put where it properly belongs; and it is worth while for the people to consider the fact that any Judge in this State appears to have the power to suspend the entire operations of government, throw everything into confusion and chaos, and even involve us in bloodshed and civil war.

Here is a law passed by the representatives of the people—the legislative department—in due form. It is approved by the Executive department of government. It is decided to be constitutional by the Judicial department of the government. And yet, at the behest of a few individuals in Charleston, or for some other purpose, Judge Smith perpetrated a self-concocted error, when he knew that by so doing he would precipitate the State into a civil war, or, for a time, at least, suspend entirely the operations of our State government.

If the Legislature—the sovereign department—and the Executive department to boot—were to be overruled by the Judicial department, when that department has decidedly affirmed the constitutionality of the law in question, then we can hardly see the propriety of taxing the people to con-

tinues the legislative and executive departments. Why not turn the whole thing over to the Judiciary, and be done with it?

It is the right of any party, thinking himself aggrieved, to ask for an appeal from the decision of a Court; and had this case been one that simply affected the rights of individuals, it would have made no difference. But this was not a case involving individual rights. The disposition of the State property, and the location of the seat of government, is in the hands—solely—of the representatives of the people; and they having decided in a proper and constitutional manner, (according to Judge Smith) where the seat of government should be, it is absurd to say that it is the right of a Judge to step in against the voice of the sovereign people of this State, and interfere, by force, with the execution by the Governor, of a constitutional law. If we are in error in this matter, then let us patch up the Constitution soon; for although blood shed was avoided in this instance by the wisdom and moderation of the Executive, we know not how soon another and similar instance may occur, when the Executive may not be moved to consider the lines of the citizens of the State of greater importance than the enforcement of the law.

A Suggestion to our Congressmen.

One of the most useful, and one of the poorest paid men in this State, is Colonel J. B. Peyton, Clerk of the House of Delegates. The most finished parliamentarian, without a doubt, in West Virginia, his services in a legislative body are invaluable. He is a complete compendium, or encyclopedia, of parliamentary law. Jefferson or Cushing he is as familiar with as a good minister with Bible. Points of order he decides quick as they are raised; and when a prebending officer takes his word for it, there is no application for an appeal. Added to this, he has a voice like the rolling thunder. Amid the noise and "gab" of the lower house of the Legislature, his voice sounds loud and clear; and he knows nothing of exhaustion. Beginning in early life as a clerk in the Virginia Legislature, he has had an almost unbroken legislative experience of about fifteen years. His time, in the interim of the sessions of the Legislature, has been spent in the practice of the law. He is a finished scholar, and a courteous gentleman.

It will be the duty of the Democratic members of the next lower House of Congress to elect a Clerk. Could they do better than to elect Colonel Peyton? We suggest to the members from this State that as far as qualifications are concerned, Colonel Peyton is the peer of any man in America; and this coupled with the fact of his life-long support of Democratic principles, makes him in every way worthy of their support.

In by-gone days, Virginians were honored at Washington—let Virginia's sons have a chance again.

[From the Beverly Enterprise.]

HON. JOHN BRANNON.

The death of Judge Paul leaves a vacancy in our Court of Appeals, and it does not seem to us to be out of place at this time to discuss as to whom his successor should be. The gentleman whose name heads this article, is so well known, and his qualifications for the position so universally acknowledged, that we do not purpose to discuss them at any length. It can truly be said of Judge Brannon, that he is one of the best Judges in the country, a man of fine legal attainments, not cursed with violent prejudices, and an honest, good man. He has had much public experience—and more important to him for the Judge of the Court of Appeals—he has been Judge of this Judicial Circuit for the past four years, and previous to that he had a long and successful practice at the bar. He will be warmly backed by the people of this Judicial District—a compliment to him for the Judge of the Court of Appeals—we have no friends in the First and Third Districts will canvass the merits of Judge Brannon carefully, as we feel assured that if he is honored with an election, that the State of West Virginia will never have cause to regret that it called him to the bench.

We write this article on our own responsibility, not having heard from Mr. Brannon since the death of Mr. Paul, but we write this, feeling that by doing so we represent the feelings and interests of all who have the honor of being acquainted with him.

The Political Future.

This is the kind of metal the Jeffersonian Democrat is made of. Listen to it: We are constantly receiving letters from our friends requesting us to write an article on the political future of the country. In obedience to such wishes we pen the following, which we hope will be satisfactory. When in 1876 the untried and irresponsible Democratic masses have, by an overwhelming majority, elected big Bill Allen to the Presidency of the United States, and thus routed and ruined the Radical conspirators against the rights of men, the American people, again feeling secure of their liberties, will proudly and exultantly point to our Government as a great vessel of immense rapid, and continuously growing dimensions, named Popular Sovereignty, extending across which there is a single level floor on which the nation stands, called Equal Rights, on board of which there is a mighty generator of force known as Democracy, attached and extending from which there is a mammoth pipe called Discussion, through which the mighty powers of the generator are put in motion by a tremendous fire under it, fed by almost glowing fuel called Truth, and emitting a spacious furnace, born on Freedom of Speech and Press, and are thus applied to two great engines of gigantic and inexpressible power, called Popular Suffrage and Election, the propellers of this great vessel, and through which those powers are constantly sweeping into a glorious place called Liberty, Prosperity and Happiness of the People.

COLONEL WARD H. LAMON has been named as the possible Republican candidate for Governor of this State in the autumn of 1878.

THE Hon. J. Gerson Davis has been named for the Presidency of the Bryan (Trans) Agricultural College.

A SPECIAL dispatch to the Martinsburg Independent announces the fact that Colonel Ward H. Lamon, of that city, has been appointed Assistant Attorney General of the United States. Colonel Lamon was private Secretary to President Lincoln, and, in his person, West Virginia is now honored.

[From the Charleston Chronicle.]

Delinquent Sheriff.

A vast amount of money is accumulated in the arrears due from the sheriff of this State for the last five or six years. The Sheriff's were in arrears for

The taxes of 1872	\$10,151 33
" " 1871	4,392 25
" " 1870	44,923 60
" " 1869	48,812 32
" " 1868	9,402 04
" " 1867	4,134 09
" " 1866	9,909 36
	129,835 50

This amount is due the State to the year's end—also at \$120,000, nearly 20,000 a year. The amount would be enough to finish the public buildings without levying a cent tax—it could be at once realized. The arrears for 1878 were about \$20,000, and over one quarter of the amount was in Barbour county, whose sheriff appears to have kept the money he collected or failed to collect at all. The delinquency in that duty for 1878 was \$5,179.

W. G. BENNETT,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Real Estate Agent,
Weston, W. Va.

Will practice in Lewis and adjoining counties as Agent of the National Co-operative Business Agency, Company, will procure American and Foreign Patents, Patents, Bounties, Pensions, and all other kinds of Government Claims, and collect debts of every description in any part of the United States.

He will also act as a Real Estate Agent and as such notaries unequalled facilities for the buying and selling of Land and Real Estate.

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MAIN STREET, WESTON.

GEO. FINSTER - Proprietor.

Books, Papers, Magazines, &c., on hand, or can be procured on short notice.

Terms—CASH IN ADVANCE

BRAXTON LANDS FOR SALE

John B. Conrad, plaintiff,
vs.
Wm. H. Byrne, trustee, John R. Allen's administrator, Daniel M. Squires and F. P. Singleton, defendants.

IN CHANCERY.
Under a decree of the Circuit Court of Lewis county, in this case, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House of Braxton county, on the 18th day of August, 1875, being the first day of the August term of the Circuit Court of Braxton county, all the interest of John B. Conrad in a tract of

148 ACRES OF LAND,
lying on the Little Kanawha River, at the mouth of Naul's Creek, in Braxton county, which said interest is four-fifths thereof, for so much cash, as will satisfy a debt of \$240 44 cents, with interest from the first day of April, 1869, being by amount decreed against the plaintiff in favor of defendant Squires and Singleton, and the costs of sale; and the residue upon a credit of 12 months, the purchaser to give bond with good personal security for the excess, and the title to be retained until the same be paid.

W. H. BYRNE,
Trustee and Commissioner.

May 24 4w

Valuable Real Estate In CALHOUN COUNTY

By virtue of a deed of trust executed by John M. Bell and wife, dated the 10th day of March, 1873, to me as trustee to secure and indemnify Niles Pettit and George W. Blackshire, as sureties of said Bell, and also by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Calhoun county, directing a sale and delivery of the property, I will sell at public auction, in front of the Court House door of said county, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 25th day of June, 1875, that being the first day of the June term of the County Court of said county, a tract of

116 1/2 ACRES OF LAND,
lying on the south side of Little Kanawha River, about seven miles below Grantville. There is 75 or 80 acres of improved land, on this tract, and ten comfortable log houses and two good orchards. Also one equal moiety of 1,100 acres, adjoining the above named tract. This tract is well timbered, and well suited for timberland with coal.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash.
The title is indisputable.

ALPHEUS NORMAN,

may 24 4w Trustee.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF 2,301 ACRES, of Lewis County Lands.

White & Salsinger, &c., vs. Frederic Fouse

IN CHANCERY.
In pursuance of a decree of the county court of Lewis county, rendered in the above named case, at its April term, 1875, the undersigned, special commissioner, on Tuesday, the 8th day of June, 1875, at the front door of the Court House of Lewis county, will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, two tracts of land, situate on Leading Creek and its waters, in Lewis county, being portions of the Frederic Fouse tract of 2,344 acres. One of these tracts, containing 2,199 acres, will be

SOLD IN LOTS.

The other, containing 142 acres, will be sold as an entirety.

TERMS OF SALE—These lands will be sold on a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest from date, the purchaser giving bond, with good security, for the several installments of purchase money, and a full title will be retained upon the lands until a further security.

A Plat of said lands can be seen by calling upon the undersigned.

W. G. BENNETT,
Special Commissioner.

May 10 4 w

J. R. RYAN & CO.

Wish to announce to the public that they are now selling at

COST PRICES

A Set of HARNESS from \$6 50 up. BRIDLES \$1 and upwards.

BOOTS \$5 and upwards.

They also wish it known that they have a good assortment of

LEATHER.

DEER AND SHEEP SKINS WANTED,

and all kinds of good HIDES.

All who are indebted to us will please come and settle. Good produce taken in or in exchange for goods.
Remember the place—Jefferson's old stand, 1 door below Ralston's, on Main Street, Weston.

THE WESTON PLANING MILLS

GEORGE A. JACKSON,
LOUIS McBRIDE,
L. H. WOOD,
WM. McBRIDE.



JACKSON, McBRIDE & CO.,

Announce to the public that in addition to their facilities for furnishing Sash, Blinds, Doors, &c., they have opened a warehouse in the building formerly occupied as a tin shop, near the residence of Judge Edmiston, where they will keep on hand a full assortment of

FURNITURE.

With the help of the most approved machinery, they are enabled to furnish from the PLAINEST and CHEAPEST, to the most FASHIONABLE and ELEGANT styles of Furniture at reduced prices. At their Machine Shop they will continue to furnish

FLOORING,
CEILING,
MOULDINGS,
BALUSTERS,
BRACKETS,
SCHOOL WORK and either sawed or turned. Those about to build will find it to their advantage to consult their Prices.

Special attention given to Undertakings

CENTRAL machines on hand and for sale

Weston, Feb 22, '74.

ASH W. WOODFORD

(Sheriff of Lewis County)

DEALER IN

--Pure Blooded Cattle--

(Short-Horns)

and Sheep!

Proprietor of the

Weston Flouring Mills

A large supply of

FLOUR, MEAL AND FEED!

Constantly on hand. Highest prices paid at the Mill for

GRAIN OF ALL KINDS.

LUMBER

in great variety for sale at the Mill

LAND SALE.

J. F. W. Holt

John J. Kramer and others.

IN CHANCERY.

Under decree of the Circuit Court of Lewis county in this case, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House of Lewis county, on the 7th day of June, 1875, being the first day of the June term of the County Court of said county, a tract of

18 1/2 ACRES OF LAND,

on Polk Creek and the Mountain and Parkersburg turnpike, about 3 miles from Weston. The purchaser must give notes with good security, payable in 6, 12 and 18 months, with interest from date. Title to be retained until further order of Court.

HENRY BRANNON,

May 10 4w Special Commissioner.

SALE OF LOTS

NEAR WESTON.

Perry T. Smith, administrator,

vs.

The heirs and creditors of A. Smith, Jr. deceased.

IN CHANCERY.

Under a decree of the County Court of Lewis county, in this case, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House door of Lewis county, on the 7th day of June, 1875, that being the first day of the June term of the County Court of said county, several lots of land, below the town of Weston, out of the tract owned by A. Smith, Jr., at his death.

Some of the lots lie in the rear of lots owned by George P. Oliver and A. O. Hall, and contain from three to six acres each; others lie fronting on the West Fork River and Clarkburg pike, and contain one acre each. Such of said lots will be sold as may appear most expedient at the time of sale.

Purchasers must give notes with good security, payable at 6, 12 and 18 months, with interest from date. Title to be retained until further order of Court.

HENRY BRANNON,

Special Commissioner.

May 10 4w

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between U. MORRIS and N. KELLY, under the firm name of Morris & Kelly, was this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons knowing themselves indebted to the old firm will please call and settle at once. U. MORRIS, successor to the firm, will continue the Drug Store at the old stand; N. KELLY.

June 1st, 1875.

may 10 4w

Manufactured by R. P. HALL & CO.,

MARTIN, N.H.



Chalfant & Moore,

—DEALERS IN—

HARDWARE.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,

Window Glass, Paints, Oil.

FAMILY GROCERIES, &c.,

Main Street, Weston.

The attention of Patrons of Husbandry, and all others in want of goods in our line, is called to our large and varied stock now being placed in our spacious ware-room, recently refitted and modernized, at No. 10, Main Street.

Know that low prices first-class goods, and courteous attention will bring custom, and I shall endeavor to offer all these advantages to the people.

My terms are strictly CASH

This course is necessary, because I shall sell my goods at bottom prices.

Thankful for past patronage, and hoping to merit a continuance of public favor, I am,

Very Respectfully,

E. T. SOMERVILLE

Prescriptions carefully compounded

at all hours.

Weston, April 5.

To the Public.

Since the great reduction in the price of

FURNITURE,

together with my many facilities for furnishing the same, I wish to call the attention of my patrons and the public to the fact that I have now on hand a much larger stock than heretofore, of all kinds of

CABINET FURNITURE,

which I offer for sale at PRICES GREATLY REDUCED, such as will, I guarantee, bear the test of competition. I also keep on hand a full stock of

MATTRESSES, BOLSTERS,

SQUARE PILLOWS,

FLINN'S PATENT BED SPRINGS,

ROSEWOOD & GILT MOLDING

of all sizes. FRAMES of all sizes made to order. Parties wishing to get a "TRAVELER'S SET" or PARLOR SUIT will find it greatly to their advantage and have no risk to run by getting me to order for them. Catalogue of prices and sample cloth shown on application.

In addition to the above, and in compliance with the wishes of many of our citizens, I have made

Under takings

a specialty. I have now on hand ready made COFFINS of all styles and sizes, and will shortly get different styles of BURIAL CASES and CASKETS. My stock of Coffin Trimmings surpasses anything of the kind that was ever exhibited in this market before. With an experience of 25 years among you, and close attention to business, I will in the future as in the past, endeavor to give full satisfaction in my line of business, and thus merit your esteem.

JACOB SCHNITT,

Weston, April 20

West Virginia:

At Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Lewis county, on the first Monday in May, 1875.

W. G. Bennett, Commissioner

vs.

W. B. Haddock and Aaron Williams.

UPON A PETITION IN CHANCERY.

"The object of this petition is to obtain a decree against the defendants for \$543, with interest thereon from the 15th day of January, 1873, being the aggregate of five acres decreed by the defendants on said day for the purchase of 100, 15 of 181 acres of the Mineral Rights lands, sold under a decree of the Circuit Court of Lewis county, in the chancery cause of John Brannon, Commissioner, against Miner Bailey's heirs and others, and to re-sell said lot of land for cash."

And it appearing by affidavit filed, that defendant Aaron Williams is a non-resident of this State, and he not appearing, it is ordered that he do appear hereat on or before the first Monday in June next, and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

Teste:

W. H. BYRNE, Clerk.

W. G. Bennett, att'y for petitioner.

May 17 4w

MOXLEY HOUSE,

MAIN STREET, WESTON.

WM. MOXLEY, - Proprietor

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